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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 115
By Scroggs

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Tom Brooks upon receiving the Collierville Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year award.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to recognize the achievements of those outstanding citizens of this state who have been singled out by their peers as especially deserving of honor and recognition for their many contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Tom Brooks, a long-time resident of Collierville, is one such deserving Tennessean, who was recently presented with the Person of the Year Award by the Collierville Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Meeting in January; and

WHEREAS, Tom Brooks was born in Pasadena, California, attended Pasadena Junior College and then graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education; his father was then Dean of the University of Tennessee Medical School, so Tom came to Memphis and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was married to his lovely wife Kelsey in 1951, and they became the proud parents of Watson Brooks, owner of the Brooks Collection on the Square in Collierville, and the late Amy Brooks; and

WHEREAS, Tom Brooks owned a pharmacy in Collierville until 1985, when he sold it to Malone and Hyde; he continued to work there until his retirement in 1997. Mr. Brooks employed many high school students during his years in pharmacy, teaching them many valuable lessons about life, leadership and responsibility in addition to paying their wages; and

WHEREAS, Tom Brooks has always endeavored to give back to his community; he served on the planning commission from 1959-99, was elected an Alderman in 1975, and was Vice Mayor from 1978-99. Mr. Brooks served on the Shelby County Board of Equalization for 21 years, 19 of those years as chairman; and

WHEREAS, Tom Brooks is a Director of BankTennessee and Cumberland Bancorp; he has served as Chairman of the Collierville American Heart Association and is a member of the Collierville Rotary Club, where he has served as President and is a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks and his family are dedicated and active members of Collierville United Methodist Church, where he is a Trustee and has served on many committees; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize an outstanding citizen of Tennessee who is most deserving of our thanks and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Mr. Tom Brooks of Collierville upon being named Person of the Year by the Collierville Chamber of Commerce, thank him for his many contributions to the people of his community, county and state, and offer him our best wishes for every success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.